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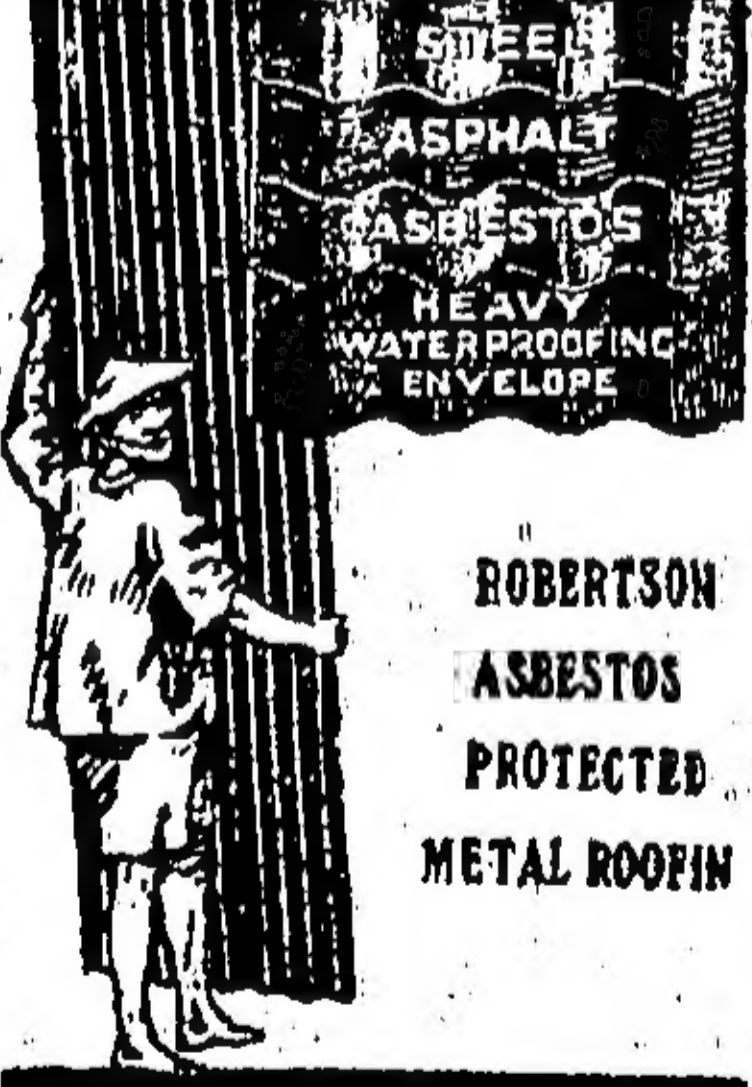
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RACING NOTES.

TOMORROW'S AUTUMN CHAMPIONS.

LAST COURSE THIS SEASON.

[By Photo.]

That the course has never been for this season is the general opinion of Hongkong (and men) in examining the prospects for tomorrow's race—the eighth and last extra meeting of the season. Practically all the public seen out a month ago will compete again. In addition Wimer has returned to racing and there are two ponies new to local racegoers in The Regent and September. Wimer may be ridden by Mr. Brodie in the 1 1/4 miles but it will be a surprise if he is first past the post. Mr. Pollock will probably ride The Regent and Lt. Com. S. R. Thompson, Lt. Com. September.

Rail gossip (The Local Option). Grey Morn and Salina will be seen out in the Autumn Champions (1 1/4 miles), the last race of the day. Mr. Pollock will have the mount on the Derby and Spring Champions winner and Lt. Com. Thompson will be in Grey Morn's colours. In training Mr. T. W. Doyle has ridden Salina. This triangular contest should be well worth watching with Local Option carrying the bulk of the money. One thing in his favour is that he is very fit and has been so for some time. Salina seems to have even improved on his previous best and it is thought that he may run Grey Morn out of second money. The grey is not moving so well as he has been. In spite of his weight Spotted Sand ought to win the St. Andrew's Stakes (1 1/4 miles), 4th race.

For the opening event, Two Pairs (Mr. Doyle) is considered to have as good a chance as Nugget (Mr. Reilly) while Solly may find a place if he gets a good jockey. Chicago promises well for the second race, from Handicap (one mile) as does Arabian Parrot for the third, "A" Class, six furlongs. Grey Streak has previously won a Novices' Race, with Captain Osprey in the saddle and may do so again in the fifth event, Scumill Plate (one mile). In the sixth race for 1925 griffins, it is very difficult to predict—not what will win—but what the field is likely to be.

GOOD PROGRESS.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING'S CONDITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 14.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling is progressing quite satisfactorily and the improvement in his condition is being maintained.



Lord Dawson.

EARLIER NEWS.

London, Dec. 3.

It is announced this morning that Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who is seriously ill at his residence in Burwash, passed a fairly good night. He is suffering from a chronic attack of bronchitis accompanied by early symptoms of pneumonia. His condition took a turn for the worse last night, when Lord Dawson, the King's physician was summoned. Reuter is informed this morning that Mr. Kipling is slightly better. The doctors seem satisfied that the illness must take its course.

PEACE MISSION.

INTERMEDIARY MOVES FIRST.

CANTON TOUR NEXT WEEK.

Pending General Cheung Kai-shok's return to Canton and the visit of about a hundred Hongkong Chinese merchants, it is not expected that any definite steps will be made towards the strike settlement.

Hongkong party will probably leave next Tuesday or Wednesday. It will be entirely unofficial as delegates have already been appointed. Its scope will be clearly outside the scope of politics, its purpose is merely to ferment friendly relations. Mr. Young Sui-nam has returned to Canton and Mr. Wong Ching-wai (chairman of the Political Council) has sent down a letter of welcome.

General Cheung, the commander-in-chief, is expected back in Canton shortly, where the public is planning an extensive reception for the victors of the recent campaign.

SWATOW SHIPS.

SEAMEN PICKETS STILL ACTIVE.

ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT.

Steamers which call at Hongkong are not allowed to discharge cargo at Swatow but passengers may land.

Outgoing passengers, however, may not embark on British vessels. Ships entering Swatow from Formosa or Amoy are not interfered with.

Average clearances for a month at that port include about eight Japanese steamers, a few coastal, small boats and an occasional China Merchant ship.

LATER FERRIES.

EXTENDED YAU MATI HOURS.

SPECIAL RATE AND CLASS.

Commencing to-morrow there will be later ferries between Hongkong and Yau mati each Saturday and Sunday.

Last departure times are:—Hongkong 1.15 a.m., Yau mati 2.15 a.m.

Only first-class fares will be carried and monthly tickets will not be valid for the later hours.

STRONG HAND.

SPAIN'S NEW CIVIL MINISTRY.

RULING BY DECREE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, Dec. 3.

The King has approved of the new Civil Ministry of which General de Rivera is Premier.

King Alfonso, in a message to de Rivera, emphasises the Directory is formed of a powerful political party, replacing those of the old regime, whose corruption and weakness blocked the work of national reconstruction.

The military dictatorship must not continue till it is worn out and therefore be replaced by a civilian dictatorship with a more adequate but equally vigorous organisation.

Civilian elements must contribute to the work of reconstruction. It is indispensable to assure a complete purification of political morals, that constitutional guarantees continue to be suspended, and legislation be conducted by decrees.

FATAL FIRE.

WANCHAI HOUSES DESTROYED.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST.

Two houses in Moon Street, Wanchai, were destroyed by a fire which broke out at 11 o'clock last night, and caused considerable excitement in the district.

The buildings with their numerous cubicles and many floors, the ground floor were seen a mass of flames, and the fire spread rapidly to the upper floors, in which they succeeded after one hour's hard work. A number of bluejackets and policemen also assisted in rescue work, some of the inmates having to jump into the street below when all sources of escape had been cut off.

The charred body of a woman was taken out from the debris by the firemen, while underneath are believed to be two of her children who were found to be missing when the police ascertained the number of inmates from those who were rescued.

AN UGLY FACE.

WIFE FOUND AFTER SIX YEARS.

QUEER STORY IN COURT.

A Chinese couple, who according to his wife was not good looking in spite of his young age. Had a long tale to relate before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning when four Hoklo coolies employed by the Sanitary Board as rat-catchers appeared in the dock on a charge of assaulting him.

Defendant in the course of his evidence said that he married a wife (present in court) seven years ago, but she deserted one year after the marriage. Since she ran away he had made a weary search until he was rewarded three days ago when he saw her working as a waitress at a Wanchai tea-house. He prevailed on her to return to him, and she eventually agreed to come back ten o'clock the following night being fixed as the time at which he was to call for her. On arrival at the appointed hour he found his wife in the company of the defendants, who took her to a feast at another tea-house.

His Worship: She didn't come to your arms at 10 o'clock, but went to somebody else?

Witness: She said I was bad, ugly looking, and that she did not like me.

His Worship: Did she leave you because she did not like your face?

Witness: She came up to me and said: "I can't stand your ugly face; I like a handsome man."

His Worship: A rat-catcher?

Witness: No, she did not say so.

After further evidence His Worship said that he was quite satisfied the defendants had interfered between the husband and wife. He fined them \$10 each, or fourteen days, also to provide bonds on securities of \$100 to keep the peace for twelve months.

BANK RATE.

STOCK EXCHANGE NOT SURPRISED.

INEVITABLE PRECAUTION.

(Reuter's Service.)

RED BOMBSHELL.

CURIOUS CABLE FROM PEKING.

EXPULSION OF M. BORODIN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po.)

Canton, Dec. 3.

Lin Sun and others have telegraphed from Peking advising the expulsion of M. Borodin, Tam Ping-shan and others on the ground of making the Kuomintang subservient to Bolshevism, and because of the Soviet party combining with North China.

The telegram refers to the action against Hu Han-min and the restriction of powers by the "Reds," of Kuomintang members. The decision was unanimously reached at a meeting of the Central Council held at Canton before the flight of the Soviet.

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MARRIAGE TANGLE.

FRENCHWOMAN SUES HER HUSBAND.

A HUMOROUS STORY.

The case in which Madame Louis Maurin summoned her husband, Louis Maurin, late manager of the Compagnie Opper, with deserting her and not providing maintenance, was again, before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy, this morning after an adjournment of one month during which time it was hoped the matter would be amicably settled.

The parties, who were present in court, were represented by the counsel, Mr. W. E. Hind being for the complainant and Mr. G. K. Hall for the defendant.

Mr. Hind applied for a further adjournment for a fortnight, on the ground that he was awaiting a reply from a French solicitor in Shanghai to whom he had written on the question of French law.

The complainant, he said, was previously married in New York to an Englishman, an artist by profession, who was domiciled in France and lived there for 20 years. There had been a divorce according to French law, which under the circumstances was the proper court of jurisdiction. He (Mr. Hind) could prove that the divorce was a valid one, but he required the assistance of a French lawyer. He was also prepared to prove the domicile of the former husband. If the reply from Shanghai was unfavourable, he was prepared to drop the case, but in the meantime he asked that the sum paid as maintenance during the past month be continued on an increased scale.

Mr. Brutton opposed the request for a further adjournment saying that no good could be served by continuing the hearing of this case. Several offers had been made, including the payment of passage for the complainant back to France, all of which had been turned down by the other side. The opinion of the French lawyer, he said, would be of no use, because the validity of the divorce in France was not disputed, but what might be legal in French law might not be legal out here as he had ascertained, for himself, by discussing the point with Mr. Zeilny, who was an authority on the subject. Mr. Brutton also refused to agree to payment of further sums as maintenance.

Pressing the question of maintenance, Mr. Hind said that he had heard from a number of Frenchmen that the defendant was living with another woman.

Mr. Brutton said that this was absolutely untrue and he could not listen to such a shameful story.

In adjourning the case until December 18, His Worship said that it was for Mr. Hind to prove domicile in France, also that the divorce was valid in these Courts. Otherwise he would see that the proceedings were finally dropped.

WAR DEBTS.

FRANCE TO RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS.

JUGO-SLAVIA MOVES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 7.

Mr. Mellon has received a communication from M. Loucheur hoping that negotiations for finding France's debt will shortly be resumed.

The Treasury has also been advised that Jugoslavians are sending a delegation to Washington in the next few weeks to discuss debt finding.

MILLS RE-OPEN.

SEQUEL TO BOILER EXPLOSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bombay, Dec. 3.

An investigation into the circumstances surrounding the explosion of a boiler at the Mills, which resulted in the death of a man, is being conducted by the police.

SETTLED.

IRISH DISPUTE BLOWS OVER.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

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London, Dec. 3.

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Paying for Damages. The Irish agreement revokes the powers conferred on the Boundary Commission, by the Anglo-Irish Treaty of December 6, 1921. It states that the extent of Northern Ireland for the purposes of the Government of Ireland Act 1920, and of the Treaty, shall be such as was fixed by that Act.

The Irish Free State is released from the obligation under Article IV of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, to contribute a proportion to the Public Debt of the United Kingdom, and war pensions, but the Free State assumes all liability undertaken by the British Government in respect of military damages done since January 21, 1919, to property in the Free State and the Free State Government is to repay to the British Government moneys already paid by the British Government in respect of such damages, or liable to be so paid under obligations already incurred.

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The Irish agreement, which was signed in the Premier's room in the House of Commons at 8.15 this evening, embodies a complete settlement of the boundary question with the full consent of all the parties.

The existing boundary is in no wise changed.

Mr. Baldwin read the terms of the settlement in the House of Commons and added that obviously legislation would be necessary. He hoped it would be possible to pass it speedily before Parliament rises.

Finding the Money. The Government of the Free State agrees to prohibit legislation increasing by ten per cent, a measure of compensation under the Damages to Property Compensation Act, 1923, in respect of malicious damage to property in the Free State between July 11, 1921, and May 12, 1923, and providing for payment of such additional compensation by the issue of five per cent, compensation stock or bonds.

Powers in regard to the North of Ireland, which by the Government of Ireland Act of 1920 and made the powers of the Council of Ireland, are transferred to the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Free State and North of Ireland shall meet together as and when necessary for the purpose of considering matters of common interest arising out of or connected with the exercise and administration of the said powers of agreement subject to the confirmation of the British and Free State Parliaments.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

JAPAN'S SHIPPING.

Substantial Reduction of

Subsidies.

In his defence of his budget,
Mr. Hamaguchi referred to the
shipping subsidies as evidence that
his policy was not entirely nega-
tive but that he sometimes spent
gladly. However, it appears that
even in the case of the shipping
companies' demands he by no
means gave them all that they
asked for.

Under the decision arrived at
by the final Budget Meeting of
the Japanese Cabinet the Com-
munications Department is al-
lowed to expend ¥700,000 in subsidies
on new lines to be estab-
lished, early next year.
One of the new routes to
be opened up is the East Afri-
can Line, to which ¥400,000 will
be granted. This line is pro-
posed, as already reported, by the
Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which drew
up an operation plan on the basis
of ¥750,000 which the company
hoped to get as a grant in aid
from the Government. The re-
duction by almost 50 per cent. in
the subsidy expected will throw
the original programme out of
gear, and a fresh plan will be
drawn up by the Osaka Shosen
Kaisha on the report submitted by
one of the officers who is study-
ing the situation on the spot.

Another difficulty faced by the
company in connection with sub-
sidies is a reduction decided on
by the Government in the grant
given in aid of the Osaka Dai-
nen Line. The amount allowed
so far has been ¥140,000 per
annum, which will be cut down by
one-half to ¥70,000. The line is
operated with a fleet of four ves-
sels twice a week and the move-
ment of cargoes on the route is
expected to be brisker when the
Russo-Japanese Communication
Conference makes projected plans
practicable.

The Luchu Line, however, will
be subsidised, beginning from the
next fiscal year under the Budget
drawn up. The amount to be
granted is ¥200,000 per annum.
The service has been conducted
with no aid from the Government,
and representations have been
made to it by the inhabitants of
the island with a view to the im-
provement of shipping facilities.

GREAT TRADE FAIR.

Government's \$25,000 Effort

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tions for space in the London sec-
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fined to actual British manufac-
tures, will be held in London and
at Birmingham from February 15
to 26.

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proximately \$25,000 on a scheme
of wide-world publicity on behalf
of the fair.

Personal invitations to attend
the Fair are being sent to a
list of over 50,000 overseas
buyers, and to some 100,000
buyers in Great Britain. The
world's buyers are to be invited
through the Press.

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printed in nine different lan-
guages, and containing the names
and addresses of all the exhibi-
tors together with a note of their
productions, will be distributed to
buyers everywhere.

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cough two months after birth," writes
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at night, and
would wake up
and off in ad-
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cough he was
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JAPANESE'S TRADE.

Funds Requested By Commerce

Department.

In order to promote foreign
trade and develop industry, the
Department of Commerce and In-
dustry inserted an additional ap-
propriation of ¥21,978,000 in the
Budget of 1925-1926. But Mr.
Hamaguchi, Finance Minister,
who is bent upon economy and
hard work, has cut it down re-
morselessly, consenting to squeeze
out ¥3,869,000.

To this the Department of Com-
merce and Industry will not sub-
mit without a struggle. All items
making up the amount desired are
urgently needed, it is stated, in
order to improve the importance
of which is emphasised on all
irrespective of party affiliations.
At a meeting held at the
Commerce Department on the
subject it was decided to ask Mr.
Hamaguchi, the Finance Minister,
to reconsider the matter and pro-
vide for the expenditures deemed
absolutely necessary, including the
following items:—

For collecting competitive
articles on the foreign
markets ¥194,000
For utilising department
stores abroad 845,900
For investigating foreign
custom tariffs 138,000
In aid of commercial
travellers 698,000
For investigating indus-
trial credit facilities 38,000
In aid of the soda ash and
artificial indigo indus-
tries 538,000
For exploiting natural
resources 258,000

DUTY ON TALLOW.

New Levy of 10 Per Cent.

The Bill for imposing a duty on
tallow will be introduced into the
Japanese Imperial Diet by the
Government. The question was
raised by manufacturers of hard-
ened oils, with a view to having
tallow substitutes protected.
Consumers, mainly soap manu-
facturers, oppose the proposed levy.
At a conference held in Tokyo on
the 16th Nov. by those interest-
ed, an understanding was arriv-
ed at, reports the "Osaka Jiji"
which states that help was given
by the Department of Commerce
and Industry to facilitate the com-
promise.

The point still to be decided is
the amount of the duty. The oil
manufacturing interests propose a
minimum of ¥1 to the scale ad-
vocated on the other side, or 20
per cent, and 5 per cent, on the
value of the material. The Cham-
ber of Commerce will be for
splitting the difference and gives
15 per cent, as fair. The sub-
ject will come up for discussion
at a meeting of the Tariff Invest-
igation Committee, which will, it
is expected, recommend 10 per
cent. On this basis the Govern-
ment may increase the Revenue
approximately ¥180,000 a year,
the import of tallow averaging 18
million yen a year.

INVESTIGATION.

Japan's Machinery Industry.

The "Hardware Trade Journal"
(London) remarks:
The investigation which is to
take place in Japan on machinery
supplies will appear to have a
two-fold object—to see how far
improvements are possible in Ja-
panese manufactures and to as-
certain whether the machinery in-
dustry there might not be stimu-
lated by action to reduce imports.
According to the correspondent of
the Federation of British Indus-
tries in Tokyo, a committee of
investigation consisting of Gov-
ernment and business people has
been set up under the title of "The
National Product Investigation
Association," and its terms of
reference include the following: (1)
—To investigate the present. Cu-
stoms tariff in connection with the
development of the Japanese elec-
trical industry; (2) to consider
the advisability of establishing a
system of inspection of Japanese-
made machinery in order to im-
prove the quality; (3) to consider
the granting of subsidies; (4) the
adoption of a standard rating for
electrical machinery; and (5) the
effect on September 1st and, ac-
cording to the correspondent, it
is anticipated that the Govern-
ment will grant facilities for the
handling of export bills at low
rates of interest through the
Yokohama Specie Bank and the
Bank of Taiwan. Otherwise, the
Government's correspondent re-
ports, there, through the situation
in country districts is somewhat
improved, the Government has
been able to reduce the price of
the rice.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1925.

Bank of China—
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PEERAGE CLAIM

BIRTH AFTER SECRET VOYAGE?

TITLE NOW HELD BY A GIRL.

The Seafield peerage claim was mentioned in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, before Lord Ashmore, who sent the case for hearing. The action is at the instance of Mr. Alexander Grant, a retired factor, who is 78, of 94, Cromwell-road, South Kensington, S.W., against Nina Caroline Ogilvie-Grant, Countess of Seafield, of Castle Grant, Grantown, Morayshire, and others, including Baron Southey, and their presumptive. Mr. Grant asks the court to infer a lawful marriage, on November 1, 1846, between John Charles Grant Ogilvie, then Viscount Reithaven, afterwards 7th Earl of Seafield and 1st Baron Southey, and Miss Caroline Stuart, daughter of the 11th Baron Blandyre, afterwards, by a marriage in London in 1850, the publicly acknowledged spouse of Viscount Reithaven.

Mr. Grant asks the court to declare that he is the eldest lawful and legitimate child of Viscount Reithaven and his spouse.

27 YEARS' SAVINGS.

\$8,000 REPUNDED TO WASH AMAH.

APPEAL TO GOVERNOR.

Out of a fine of \$8,301 imposed by Mr. S. B. E. McBridey on a wash amah who had saved up that sum in 27 years, \$8,000 has been remitted to her by H.E. the Governor (the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.) on an appeal sponsored by the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council.

It will be recalled that the woman was arrested by Det. Sergeant McEwen on the wharf of a steamer bound for Macao, with the money concealed under her girdle. On a charge of unlawful exportation His Worship ordered the whole sum to be confiscated as he could not believe that she went only to see a friend. In the Police Court proceedings Mr. L. D. Turner defended.

Subsequently Mr. H. S. Hall, out of purely philanthropic motives, brought the case to the notice of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son and the Hon. Mr. H. Kotewall, and the remission by the Governor-in-Council is the sequel to the appeal.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

JAPANESE COAL DEALER CHARGED.

\$9,000 INVOLVED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Japanese coal merchant was charged with obtaining \$9,000 by false pretences. He was alleged to have gone to another merchant with the information that he was in possession of a bill of lading relating to a consignment of coal on the s.s. "Taiso Maru" and thus obtained the money.

Mr. Leo d'Almada prosecuted, while Mr. Hugh Jones and Mr. A. E. Hall jointly appeared for the defendant.

The case was formally remanded for a week, bail being allowed on \$10,000.

STEWARDS' SMOKES.

EVASION OF DUTY AND BRIBERY.

FINES IMPOSED.

A Chinese steward on the s.s. "Halvard" pleaded guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to charges of having in his possession 300 cigarettes on which no duty had been paid and attempting to bribe a constable.

In imposing fines of \$25 on the first charge and \$10 on the second, the Magistrate took into account the good character of the defendant which was testified to by Mr. T. H. Pail, chief officer of the vessel.

An old lady being shown round Rochester Cathedral by one of the vergers, arrived at a tablet in the nave in memory of Charles Dickens. "Oh," she said, "I never knew that Dickens was killed here." "He wasn't, madam," replied the verger, "but why do you ask?" "Why, it says, 'This tablet was erected by his executors.'"

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table below has been compiled at the Naval Ordnance Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9. The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level. To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard and 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 1 inch to the height given in the table.

December 3 to 9, 1925.

HOUR	DAY	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Mon.	3	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Tues.	4	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Wed.	5	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Thurs.	6	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Fri.	7	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Sat.	8	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Sun.	9	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
Mon.	10	10 55 A	1.8	10 55 A	1.7
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Mr. Grant states that relations between them in October or November 1846, and that Caroline set sail secretly in a sailing vessel which arrived off Dunfermline from the Clyde during a storm.

MARRIAGE ON BOARD.

On board, it is stated, there were one or two other persons of title and the Biscuits.

Mr. Grant declares that looking to the proximate outcome of Caroline's illness, she and the Viscount, before the attempt to effect a landing, entered into a marriage by verbal declaration before witnesses.

The vessel was unable to make Gullen Harbour, but when it arrived off Banff the party was compelled, partly by stress of weather and partly by the imminence of the birth, to seek an immediate landing.

The vessel was taken as far up the harbour as possible and two women were carried ashore on seamen's backs.

One, it is said, was Caroline, who was taken up what was called "the strait path" to the house of a Mrs. Cornuck, in Gossip's Close, High-street, Banff.

THE BIRTH.

That same night, Mr. Grant says, Caroline gave birth to a child, and he claims to be that child.

About a week after he was born Mr. Grant was taken, he says, by night in charge of Mrs. Cornuck from Banff to Fochabers, near Elgin, by carriage and handed over to Mrs. Annie Grant, wife of a

gambler at Gordon Castle. Mrs. Grant was given a very considerable sum of money by a man.

Alexander Grant and his wife thenceforward became the foster-parents of Mr. Grant and received a liberal allowance, it is stated, for his maintenance and education from Viscount Reithaven. He repeatedly admonished the foster-parents to keep silence.

The public marriage in 1850 Mr. Grant believes to have been a second marriage.

He says that about 1852 the viscount and Caroline appeared in Banff in support of a parliamentary candidate and were recognised as the man and woman who had landed from the vessel in 1846 and to whom a son had been born.

Mr. Grant was a school in Fochabers and Elgin and attended Aberdeen University from 1861 to 1865, where he was liberally supplied with funds through his foster-parents. Subsequently he acted as an Army coach at Reading and as a tutor.

"PARTLY" LIKENESS. He states that he bears a noticeable family resemblance to Viscount Reithaven in features, gait, and mannerisms, and has certain resemblances to his mother, Caroline.

For the defence it is stated that Caroline for once a year from May 1846 was abroad for medical treatment and education. Visits to the north of Scotland in 1846 of 1846 are denied. Viscount Reithaven, it is said, did not meet his wife until after 1846.

It is averred that Mr. Grant was born at Tair or elsewhere in Ross-shire.

The present holder of the title is a girl of 19 who succeeded to the title when her father, a captain in the Cameron Highlanders, died from wounds in 1914.

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10—J.O.L. Tikiat
10—J.O.L. Tikiat
10—C.P.S. Sinking
10—W.L. Sinking
FROM SINGAPORE.
Dec. 7—B.F. Sinking
7—B.F. Sinking
7—B.F. Sinking
14—N.Y.K. Sinking
14—B.F. Sinking
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FROM JAPAN.
Dec. 12—J.O.L. Tikiat
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FROM BOMBAY.
Dec. 8—P.O. Sinking
FROM MANILA.
Dec. 7—S.L. Sinking
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FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
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FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.
Dec. 17—C.P.S. Sinking
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FROM U.S.A.
Dec. 7—S.L. Sinking
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO.
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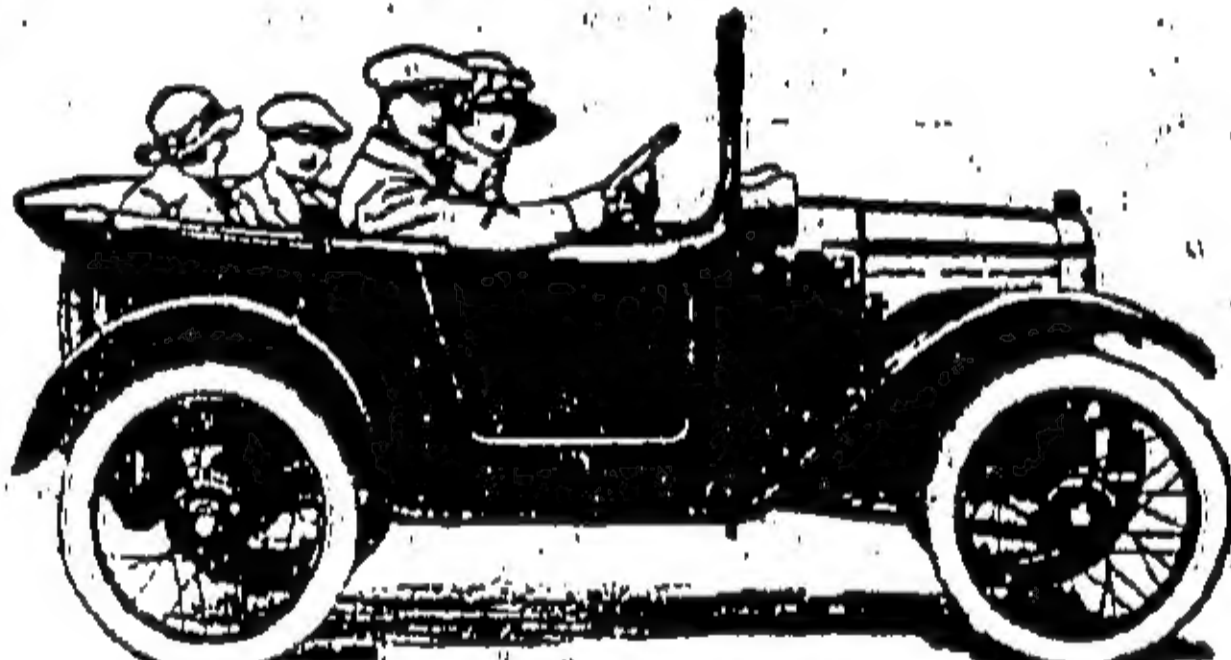
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DECLENSION.

A "Punch" editor was once told that his paper was not as good as it used to be. He replied that it never was! There is a suggestion in a recent pulpit utterance described as "courageous," that the Colony might be better than it is. Really that the people who go to make it might be better than they are. To particularise—that the British community does not reach the highest level of cultural thought and action. "Some of the societies of the Colony" desire to go one better than their neighbours, and the result has been unnecessary extravagance. We think more of a "ludicrous" race meeting than we do of our University. Etcetera. Doubtless the cap fits somewhere; if so there is work to be done amongst the possessors of "undeveloped brains," who occasionally read Kipling's poems and believe themselves thereby to be "true heirs and representatives of the British Empire." There is abundant evidence to prove that in the material things of life, this Colony has not declined. It has been a sin of our self-satisfaction that we have prided ourselves on this material progress, and not been mindful of its causes or its significance. In matters of ordinary culture there may not be much of anything to show. Promoters of cultural objects find it difficult to make them successful. It has yet to be shown that teachers and preachers are to the fore when these ventures are projected, and by example and precept, encourage them to their followers. The need for better feeling between the Chinese and British has been stressed by this paper time and again. We begin to doubt if it is possible to

do anything beyond what has been done, and if a desire for a better understanding and ideas to that end should not now come from the Chinese. The desire is evident, and evident on both sides we are certain. It only needs an acceptable scheme which will bridge natural problems of racial temperament and outlook. Hongkong, generally speaking, is not an "abiding city" for the general run of Briton. Home calls persist and he looks forward to the time when a settlement finds him in the place from whence he came. Added to this, there is the absence of the civic pride. Things are done by others and their is the responsibility. If there has been declension—a falling off—the blame must be placed at the doors of the leaders of the people. But we should hesitate to apportion any blame, or admit there is need to do so. What is needed is that encouragement be given to those who, whilst compelled to engage in what may be called the superfluities, yet have a mind for the greater things, and who find in them soul satisfaction. Much has been done and much remains to be done. Criticism is needed, but something better besides. Example. Given a consistent lead there is no reason why all the things desired by the Cathedral preacher should not be accomplished—even to "a higher, saner and more Christian public opinion."

THEY SAY THAT—

If Communism achieves a certain success, it will achieve it, not as an improved economic technique, but as a religion.—Mr. J. M. Keynes.

It has been a matter of much speculation among historians what Wellington would have done if Napoleon had cried at Waterloo.—Mr. P. G. Wodehouse.

RUBBER.

CEYLON AND MALAYA EXPORTS.

PERCENTAGE INCREASED.

(Roulet's Service.)

London, December 3.

The Colonial Office announces that it has decided that the percentage of the standard production of rubber which may be exported from Ceylon and Malaya for the quarter from January 1, next will be raised by 15 points to a hundred per cent.

GAS MANTLES TAX.

(Roulet's Service.)

London, December 3.

The House of Commons (Associated to 37) adopted a resolution approving a duty of 6s. per gross on gas mantles and 3s. 6d. per gross on mantles.

LOCAL CRICKET.

ANNUAL UNIVERSITY MATCH.

A CAMBRIDGE CENTURY.

Including in their team five service men, Cambridge University defeated Oxford yesterday, in the annual local cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground.

Captain Warters hit 20 runs in one over as part of an enterprising century for the Light Blues.

Halsey's fast deliveries and Quick's right-arm bowling proved a very effective attack on Oxford. Six Dark Blue wickets fell for 9 runs and then Hett hit out, getting 4 fours in his 19.

Oxford were all out for 88. In a second venture they improved considerably.

Cambridge.

Lt. T. Halsey, b. Sayer, 40

Lt. C. E. Abelson, b. Powell, 20

Capt. Warters, st. Wood, b. Hamilton, 118

H. G. Wallington, b. Sayer, 1

Lt. F. G. Emley, lb.w., b. Sayer, 9

Rev. E. K. Quick, st. Wood, b. Hamilton, 4

E. W. Hamilton, c. b. Hamilton, 11

T. D. E. Fendered, lb.w., b. Sayer, 6

Wu, c. Sayer, b. Hamilton, 9

Lt. Mansergh, c. b. Sayer, 10

R. E. Lindell, not out, 5

Extras, 1

Total, 192

Bowling Analysis.

Powell, 0, M. 59, 1

Hawkins, 2, 0, 33, 0

Sayer, 10, 0, 68, 5

A. F. Hamilton, 6, 1, 27, 5

Oxford—1st Innings.

A. G. M. Fletcher, b. Halsey, 2

G. R. Sayer, lb.w., b. Quick, 0

A. E. Wood, b. Quick, 0

Rev. T. B. Powell, c. Warters, b. Halsey, 1

Rev. A. F. Hamilton, b. Halsey, 1

B. S. Hawkins, b. Halsey, 2

Rev. W. T. Featherstone, b. Halsey, 1

A. Dyer Ball, lb.w., b. Quick, 19

A. S. Hett, c. Quick, b. Halsey, 19

N. L. Smith, b. Quick, 5

R. D. Rees, not out, 0

Extras, 2

Total, 38

Bowling Analysis.

Halsey, 0, M. 11, 6

Quick, 8, 2, 20, 4

Oxford—2nd Innings.

G. R. Sayer, not out, 58

R. D. Rees, run out, 0

A. E. Wood, b. Fendered, 12

Rev. T. B. Powell, not out, 20

Extras, 9

Total (for 2 wks.), 99

Bowling Analysis.

E. W. Hamilton, 6, 0, 19, 0

Fendered, 6, 1, 20, 1

Wallington, 2, 0, 13, 0

Mansergh, 3, 0, 21, 0

Emley, 1, 0, 17, 0

Kowloon v. R.E.

At Kowloon, the K.C.C. drew with the Royal Engineers in an interesting match in which the bat beat the ball.

Kowloon C.C.

Lt. Hall, b. Jacob, 4

C. Jones, b. Jacob, 39

Lt. Smith, c. Blonden, b. Cockell, 33

Major A. Pellard, not out, 63

Capt. C. J. Bensley, c. Ramsay, b. Cockell, 10

J. C. Lyal, not out, 55

Extras, 17

Total (for 4 wks. dec.), 221

A. R. F. Raven, W. F. Brown, S. B. Spillet, R. J. P. Masters and Morion did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Jones, 0, M. 26, 0

Jacob, 10, 1, 56, 2

Goodger, 8, 1, 32, 0

Cockell, 7, 2, 33, 2

Faro, 3, 0, 21, 0

Ramskill, 1, 0, 14, 0

Roberts, 2, 0, 22, 0

R.E.

Sergt. Cockell, c. Bensley, b. Jones, 46

Sergt. Blonden, c. Bensley, b. Smith, 2

Lt. Jacob-Lacombe, b. Brown, 10

Capt. Bridgeland, not out, 68

Q.M.S. Ramskill, not out, 1

Extras, 9

Total (for 3 wks.), 184

Q.M.S. Roberts, Q.M.S. Ramsey, Q.M.S. Faro, Spr. Goodger, Sgt. Jones and Q.M.S. Jacob did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Brown, 0, M. 21, 1

Spillet, 3, 2, 11, 0

Smith, 6, 3, 18, 1

Pollard, 5, 1, 11, 0

Jones, 8, 3, 20, 1

Yal, 0, 0, 25, 0

C.C.C. v. R.E.

The following players were selected to play for the Cambridge University Cricket Club in the match against the Royal Engineers on Friday, December 4, 1925.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

That a knowledge of A FALLACY. Grammar is indispensable for Correct Writing and Speaking.

That the above is a fallacy was first stated to the authorities by a reader of one of our large publishing houses whose work would give him plenty of opportunity for forming an opinion. On consulting Mr. Walker, Terrell (a grandson of Douglas Jerrold), the author, and reviewer of immense experience, he agreed that a knowledge of formal grammar was not indispensable, and said that he had never studied formal grammar. It is said that Herbert Spencer, Tim Healy and Frank T. Bullen are other examples of good writers who never studied formal grammar.

Mr. Donald Gunn, writing on September 26, 1919, said: "I would suggest Bunyan. As fine English, I fancy the first twenty or so lines of his opening to the Pilgrim's Progress would be hard to excel."

In 1864, Mr. Robert Gordon Latham, M.D., F.R.S., lectured at the Royal Institution on "The Importance of the Study of Language as a branch of Education for all Classes," and in it he said: "Gross vulgarity of language is a fault to be prevented, but the proper prevention is to be got from habit—not rules. The properties of the English language are to be learned, like the properties of English manners, by conversation and intercourse; and a proper school for both is the best society in which the learner is placed. If this be good, systematic teaching is superfluous; if it be bad, insufficient."

The main thing is that it was written by a girl nine years of age. Once upon a time there was a very lonely tortoise, and every summer, in the garden he lived in, the birds would rejoice and the flowers would rejoice, but the tortoise would come out of his burrow and weep for loneliness and wish the summer was gone so that he could go to sleep again.

One day, as he sat weeping big bitter tortoise tears outside his house, there came to him a little lonely kitten who poured forth heartbreaking tales of her misery and loneliness; and he poured forth his. So there they sat for hours listening to one another's sorrows.

At last the tortoise said: "If we are both so lonely, take me to the stable where you live and we will live

there till the winter." "Oh yes!" cried the kitten; "but why should you leave me in the winter?" But the tortoise never told her.

So they went to the stable and there lived happily till the winter came, and one day the tortoise disappeared. The poor kitten was awfully distressed, so she got out to look for him in the garden, and she had not gone far before the small tortoise in the snow. "He must be buried alive," she cried in alarm, and started to dig with all her might till she dug the poor tortoise up and he froze in the snow.

So perhaps it is not always wise to have friends.

(Alternative ending, composed after an adult protest against so pessimistic a generalisation.)

So perhaps it would have been better for him never to have met her or to have told her all his secrets, but perhaps the tortoise, having introduced into his burrow, anyway he must have spent a very happy summer, so perhaps it was really it.

To let Siraphia

(Peak Specimen, left over smeared with jam.)

It never equalled, except on night

By falling backwards in the fire.

Or tickled the paintwork of the doors,

Or squashed blackbeetles on the floors.

It never sukked and never cried,

Remained austere and dignified.

When called a lot of silly names

By fat and tactless Uncle James.

It loved its bath and when unmuzzed

It never howled, or kicked, or cursed;

Not added to its nurse's toil

By jibbing at its cast-iron oil.

In fact, it dawned upon me rather

It wasn't in the least like Father!

The answers given

SCHOOL'S IN, in class are often

mirch-provoking.

Give the future of drink.

Present, he drinks; future, he will be

drunk. "The plural of pillow?"

"Bolster." This recalls the answer

of the boy who said: "Masculine,

man; feminine, woman; neutral,

corpse." "What are the chief im-

ports of Canada?" "Emigrants."

"What is the difference between

foot and feet?" "One foot is a

foot, and a lot of foot is a feet,"

explained the young philosopher.

AN INGENIOUS NOBLE.

A controversy that is going on in the "Times" between Lord

Graham and the Lord Chancellor is full of charm, because one of the parties to it expresses a curious and amusing state of mind as clearly and as unconsciously as a well-drawn character in a novel, remarks the

"Manchester Guardian." Lord

Graham is the ardently Conserva-

tive Lord Lieutenant of Buteshire, and he has fallen foul of the more moderate Conservative Lord

Chancellor, Lord Cave, because

Lord Cave, in effect, asks, for some sort of evidence that Con-

servatism is not an indispensable qualification for nomination to the

Buteshire bench. It will be re-

membered that, until a few years

ago, the appointment of anyone

who was not a known Conserva-

tive to a rural bench of magis-

trates was rare. Nearly all Lords

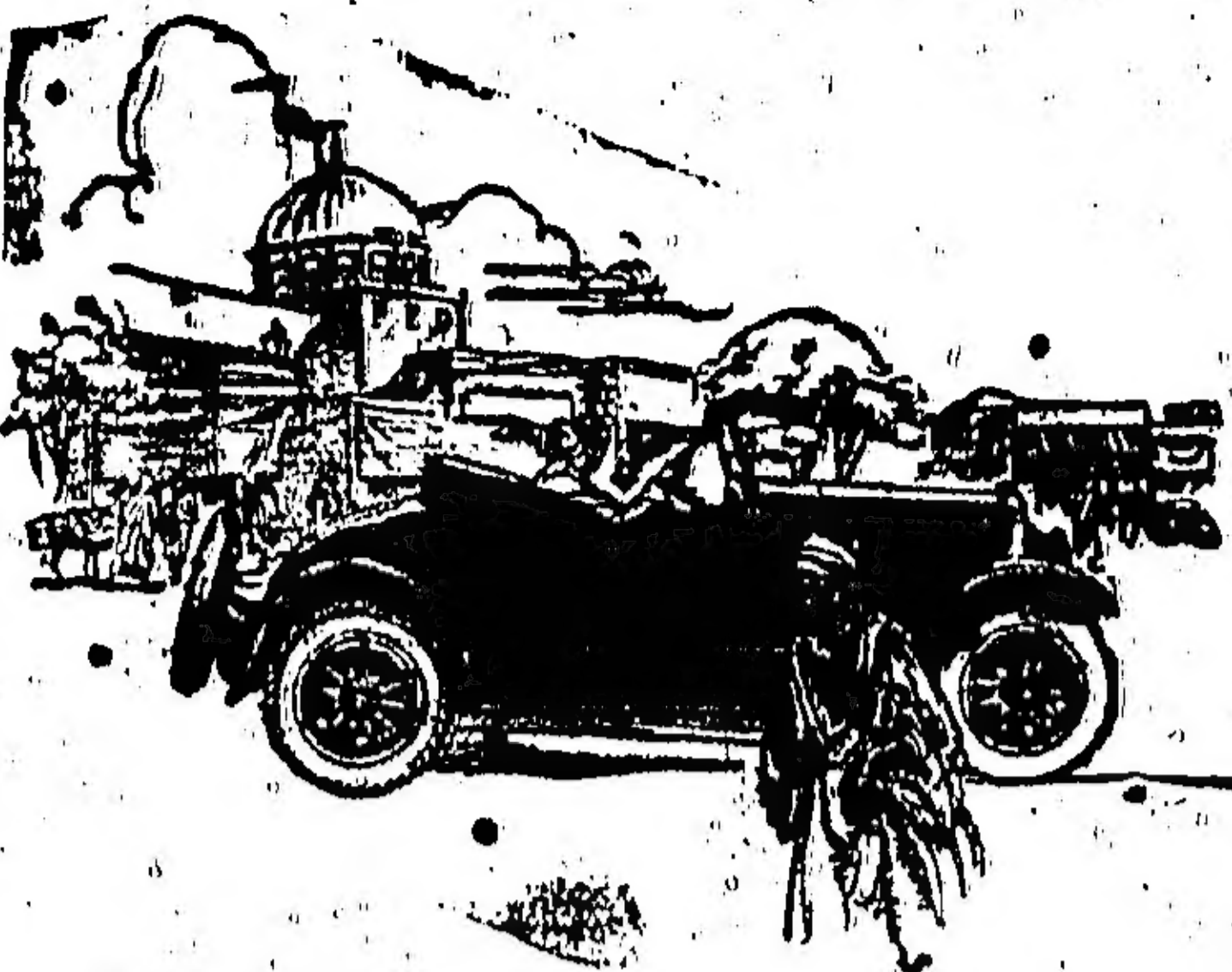
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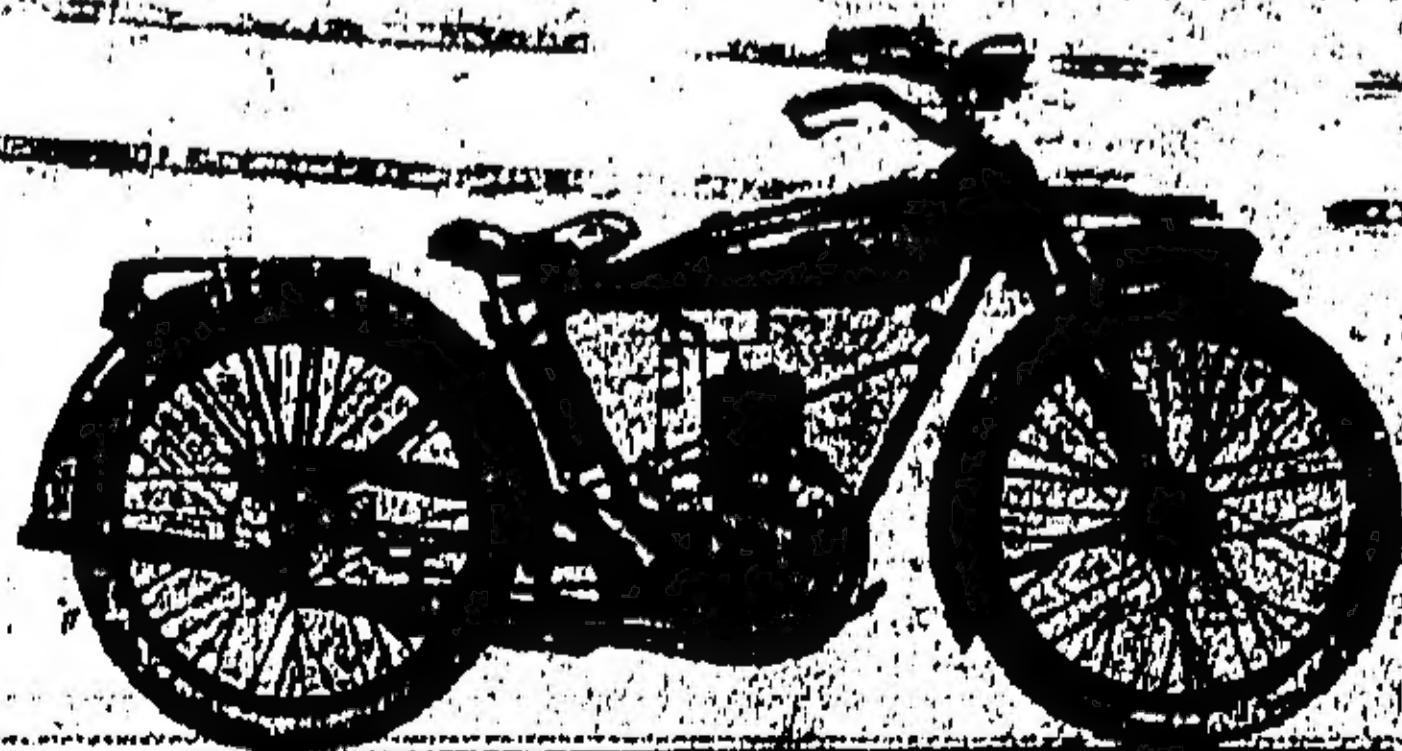
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The Colony had a clean bill of health for Wednesday.

Yesterday 597 bags of mail from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai were landed from the s.s. "President Jackson."

Hongkong's quarantine restrictions imposed on arrivals from the Philippine Islands on account of cholera have now been removed.

It has been decided to cease publication of the "Diario de Macau" and in consequence there is now only the daily publication of "A Patria."

The Bulgarian Government now admits that two of the men executed for supposed complicity in the cathedral outrage at Sofia last April were entirely innocent of the crime.

A report was made to the Harbour Office yesterday by the master of the s.s. "Van Cloon," from Belgaum-Deli and Singapore, that two deaths and one birth had taken place during the voyage.

It was inadvertently stated that the orchestra at the Hongkong A.D.C. performance of "A Little Bit of Fluff" was under Professor Gonzales. The music is supplied by the Brunswick-Dance Orchestra under Mr. Al Castro.

Three important buildings are now rapidly approaching completion or have already been completed in Macau. These are, the new office of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, the residence of the commissioner of Customs, and the headquarters of the Caixa Escolar. They are all fine examples of builders' art, each of a different type but they represent the spirit of progress that is making such headway in Macau at the present time.

The "Carinthia" leaves at 6 p.m. to-day for Manila, the next port of call on her cruise.

The London Mail of November 5, which is coming up from Singapore on the "Trieste" is not expected now until Sunday.

Over 200 "rikishamen," who are members of the Rikishamen's Association of Nikko, have affiliated to the Japan Labour Federation. Supported by the delegates of the Rodo Sodomei they held an inauguration meeting on the 12th ult. A number of workers' leaders from the Sodomei in Tokyo, the Asako-Copper Miners' Union, etc., attended.

The Birmingham Corporation is setting a good example in the matter of housing accommodation. Since 1919, 8,279 houses have been erected, 2,289 of these having been built during the present year. At the moment 9,000 are in course of construction of under contract. Provision altogether has been made for 21,873, including houses already erected or sites acquired.

Japanese papers report that the Italian dictator, Mr. Benito Mussolini, is an admirer of the lads in their teens who fought desperately against the Meiji Restoration in favour of the okugawa Shogunate and finally committed harakiri on Mount Jimori, near Wakamatsu. Fukushima-ken, on the fall of the castle there. These lads are called Ryakkotai. Mr. Mussolini is reported to have decided to erect a monument in memory of the Ryakkotai on Mount Jimori. Mr. Shimoi Harukichi, his agent, visited the mountain on the 14th ult. and fixed the site. The monument is of marble, five shaku by 33 sun, and its epitaph is the Italian Premier's autograph. The construction is to begin in next spring.

The sale of Dame Nellie Melba's furniture was highly successful, the proceeds totalling about 8,000 guineas. There was very spirited bidding for an Adams sideboard, side-table, and pedestal, which brought 1,000 guineas. The diva's Australian gifts and purchases were not submitted, having been packed preparatory to her returning to Australia.

A "Day of Prayer for Philippine Independence" is the novel idea of the Cebu chapter of the Knights of Columbus as a means of helping promote the cause of independence and of obtaining its early realisation. "God," who wished that the Philippines should fall into the folds of America, can also, if He wishes, make independence a reality and prayers will win His support of freedom's cause," says a resolution approved by the chapter.

The Japan Chronicle hits out:

A youth of 19 in Tokyo, who works for a small salary in the Savings Bank Department, sent three yen for the sufferers from the earthquake at Santa Barbara, through the American Embassy and American Red Cross. This being made known in the American Press, Mr. Pearson Banning, of Los Angeles, sent the youth five dollars and his photograph, and a rushing letter. The photograph duly appears in the papers, and also that of young Mr. Yamada who has got five dollars for three yen. Thus are kind thoughts and good deeds vulgarised and cheapened by the passion for publicity. Young Mr. Yamada, we may well suppose, sought no advertisement, but of Mr. Banning it would be rash to make any such assumption. We can only hope that the youth will not be damaged in his soul by such treatment.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Passengers departing for Manila to-day by s.s. "President Jackson" included Mr. Brodstedt, General Manager of the Canadian National Railways, and Mrs. L. Weinheimer.

The marriage between William Maurice Jones and Muriel Sophia, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Atkinson, of Alster, Great Missenden, will take place in Kuala Lumpur this month.

Mr. J. P. C. Hogan, late headmaster of the Government English School, Kuala Kangsar, is lying seriously ill at Malacca where he settled down on his retirement. His daughters, Mrs. Carroll and Miss Hogan, of Kuala Kangsar, have gone to Malacca to see him.

Miss Violet Capell informs the "China Mail" that the takings from two entertainments given at the Theatre Royal on the 7th and 11th November amounted to \$1,998.50 and in the meantime she is forwarding a draft to Viscount Knutsford, Chairman of the London Hospital for \$40. She has also made some donations to deserving local charities.

The wedding of Miss Clarice Sara Morse and Mr. Arthur de Carle Sowerby was fixed to take place yesterday at Shanghai. Following the wedding a reception was to be held at Dr. Anne W. Fearn's Hospital on Route Pichon. Mr. Sowerby is publisher of the "China Journal of Art and Science" and an authority on natural history. He is also well known as an explorer in China, having explored North China on behalf of the British Museum and the Smithsonian Institute. He also led the Shensi Relief Expedition during the Revolution of 1911. Miss Morse is Editor of the "China Journal of Arts and Science" and is connected with Mr. Sowerby in his research work.

A Chinese correspondent writes from Kelantan as follows: Mr. Somerset Maugham on his visit to Kelantan will gather much material for his future fiction, though it is hoped that features of "The Painted Veil" will not be again repeated. He will find bull-fights an interesting pastime among the natives. Kelantan is still a young country but the famous novelist will not fail to observe the leading part taken by the Chinese in the furtherance of trade. His visit will coincide with the opening of a new Chinese bank, the Kota Bharu branch of the Oversea-Chinese Bank and Chinese readers of "Nash" are looking forward to meeting in flesh and blood the man who has made such a wonderful impression in the world of short story telling.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton are passengers in the "Empress of Australia" which left on Thursday.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Hawkins" held a successful and enjoyable fancy dress carnival dance in the Seamen's Institute last evening. Prizes were given for the best fancy dress and most original costumes.

Among the passengers who left Hongkong for Manila in the s.s. "President Jackson" at noon to-day are General and Mrs. R. N. Blatchford also the Countess von Rothkirch, who arrived in Hongkong last Sunday on a visit to the Far East from Europe. Mrs. A. Rothkirch, her sister, came over from Manila to see her.

Mrs. Diana Watts on her world tour arrives in Hongkong in a fortnight and will give a series of two lectures at the Theatre Royal on December 24 at 9.15 and on December 25 at 7.15. The first on "The Principles of Greek Balance" and the second, which follows on the first, on "The Science and Art of Perfect Movement."

Before leaving for Hankow, Cav. Milanese Avy. Paolo, formerly Vice-Consul at the Italian Consulate General here expressed the desire to express his appreciation to the members of the Italian community who made his stay in Shanghai a pleasant one. Mr. Milanese has been appointed Acting Consul in Hankow.

Admiral Sir William Nicholson, whose retirement is announced, commanded the biggest ship at Jutland, the battleship "Canada," which was under construction when war began for the Chilean navy. This vessel was quite unlike any other in the Battle Fleet, and was the only one mounting 14in. guns, of which she carried ten. She is now back in the Chilean fleet, and was recently visited by the Prince of Wales. Sir William Nicholson, an officer of much originality, was promoted to rear-admiral soon after the Jutland battle, and was retained, contrary to the usual custom, in the same division as second-in-command. After the Armistice he came to the Admiralty as Third Sea Lord.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**WITH THE GLOVES.****BOXING DETAILS FOR MONDAY.**

62 ROUNDS: 11 BOUTS.

For the H.K.B.A.'s second tournament of the season at the Theatre Royal the following programme has been fixed for Monday night when the finals in the novices' competition (six weights) will also be held.

Main event (10 rounds welterweight): — A.B. Ewin ("Hermes") v. Stoker Morrell ("Hawkins").

Six round contests: — Heavies: — P.O. Francis ("Titania") v. Stoker Addison ("Hermes").

Lights: — Ldg. Sea, Baker ("Hermes") v. Tel. Emerson ("Marathon").

Feathers: — Signalmen Rogers ("Tamar") v. Drummer Bowles ("East Surreys").

Middles: — Stoker Thomson ("Titania") v. A.B. Pearce ("Hawkins").

All contests are under Imperial Services Boxing Association rules and rounds will be of two minutes each. The Novices' finals are over three rounds each, making 18 rounds; the matched contests are billed for another 34 rounds; altogether there are 11 bouts equivalent to 52 rounds of boxing.

On Monday night, at the conclusion, the unit cup and cups for winners and runners-up will be presented.

MORRIS AND CARTLIDGE.

As will be seen in the programme G.P.O. "Jim" Cartledge, the Colony's lightweight champion, and Stoker Morris of H.M.S. "Hermes" are not to meet although terms have been published.

It will be recalled that Cartledge issued an "open" challenge. Among others, Morris accepted. The H.K.B.A. offered a purse and terms, details of which were given in last week. Morris has accepted these terms. Cartledge wants \$500 win, lose or draw. Articles have not been signed owing to the divergence of views but Morris is willing to put up a stake of an additional \$500 on the result. Here the matter rests for the time being.

LOCAL WHO'S WHO.

Ewin, of course, is now the welterweight champion of the Colony and the belt-holder but his fight on Monday is not for the title.

His opponent, Stoker Morrell, was seen for about two minutes in the last tournament when he won by a technical K.O. from P.O. Meen. In that very brief period he more than gave an indication of his fighting, rather than boxing, capabilities. Morrell was with Stoker Morris on H.M.S. "Repulse" and is the latter's sparring partner. He may not beat Ewin but the champion ought to know that he has been through a stiff fight when he has finished.

Petty Officer Francis is not a new-comer. As the heavyweight champion of the Navy and Marines, he has boxed here before. Victories over A.B. Moir ("Durban") and Stoker Booth ("Hollyhock") stand to his credit.

Stoker Addison is a young heavy with great promise. He comes from the same "stable" as Morris.

Leading Seaman Baker of the "Hermes" beat Rogers on Nov. 21 with an advantage in weight. This time he is opposed to a man of his own division in Telegraphist Emerson who is the lightweight champion of the China Squadron and who claims a win over the amateur lightweight champion of England. Both are experienced boxers and evenly matched in skill.

Signalman Rogers who put up such a great show against odds at the last tournament is matched to Drummer Bowles, who lost on points a fortnight ago. A great fight going the full distance should be seen between these two.

Able Seaman Pearce beat "Dusty" Miller the last time and is now to fight Stoker Thomson. Thomson has beaten Pto. Eaton and also won at the V.R.C. tournament.

There is even greater variety in this card than in the preceding programme and even matching seems to be the feature. All the contestants are fit and some more excellent boxing is promised—in many respects equal to if not superior to that of the opening night.

WEEK-END SPORTS BUDGET.**LEAGUE FOOTBALL.****DOZEN GAMES DOWN FOR SATURDAY.****FOUR EACH DIVISION.**

The following are the League games for to-morrow:—

Division I.

R.A. v. H.K.F.C., Navy "B" ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. Club de Recreo, Kowloon ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Surrey Regiment v. Police, South China ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

H.M.S. "Tamar" v. South China, Sookumpoo "A" ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Div. II (Section A).

R.A. Reserves v. Drums, Sookumpoo "A" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

H.K.F.C. Reserves v. Club de Recreo "A" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Surrey Reserves v. St. Joseph's College, Sookumpoo "B" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Kowloon Reserves v. South China "A" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Div. II (Section B).

St. Joseph's Boarders v. Kowloon "B" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China "C" v. St. Joseph's Reserves, South China ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Moslem "A" v. Moslem "B", St. Joseph's ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Drum Reserves v. South China "B" ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

In the senior division and junior "A" section there are full programmes.

Owing to the University being engaged with examinations, their game with the Moslem "A" is postponed and in its place the postponed game Moslem "A" v. Moslem "B" will be played.

The gunners resume their fixtures after an absence owing to duty in camp.

RACE MEETING.**AUTUMN CHAMPIONS DAY.**

To-morrow the eighth and last extra race meeting of the season will be decided at Happy Valley, when the card will be wound up with the Hongkong Autumn Champions (1½ miles) for China ponies, winners at 1925 extra meetings only.

Those entered are Local Option, Grey Morn, Blotting Paper, Saligia, Spotted Sand, King of the Plains, Uncle Chick (late Golden Chrysanthemum).

The first saddling bell will be rung at 2.00 p.m. and the opening race is timed for 2.30 p.m. Other races follow at intervals of about thirty minutes.

The fourth race is the St. Andrew's Stakes (1½ miles) for which there is a cup presented in addition to the prize money. This will start at about 4.00 p.m. but to be in time it is advisable to reach the course not later than 3.45 p.m.

Below is the programme:— Kilmarnock Handicap, "B" class, six furlongs.

Tron Handicap, one mile.

Kilmarnock Handicap, "A" class, six furlongs.

St. Andrew's Stakes, 1½ miles.

Seamill Plate (Novices' Race), one mile.

Ayr Plate, 1 mile 165 yards.

Autumn Champions, 1½ miles.

Readers of the "China Mail" sports page are invited to send to the Sports Editor, not later than 4 p.m. on Thursdays, items for publication in the Budget.

LADIES' GOLF.**DRAW FOR TAGGART CUP.**

In the ladies' section of the H.K.G.C. the draw for the Taggart Cup resulted as follows:— Mrs. Lewis v. Mrs. Leggett.

Mrs. K. S. Morrison v. Mrs. Cameron.

Mrs. St. John v. Mrs. Blaney.

CRICKET VENUES.**SEVEN MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.****NAVY LEAGUE DOUBLE.**

Two matches in the first division of the league, one in the second division, and four friendly games comprise the cricket programme for to-morrow.

The Royal Artillery and the Engineers are sending a combined team in their friendly meeting with the Hongkong Cricket Club.

No match has been arranged for the University teams this week.

The fixtures are as under:— League I.

Civil Service C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Navy C.C. 1st XI on the C.S.C.C. ground.

Chinese R.C. v. East Surreys on the C.R.C. ground.

League II.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. Royal Navy 2nd XI on the K.C.C. ground.

Friendly.

Hongkong C.C. v. R.A. and R.E. on the H.K.C.C. ground.

Indian R.C. 2nd XI v. Civil Service C.C. "A" on the I.R.C. ground.

Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C. 1st XI on the C.C.C. ground.

Police R.C. v. Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI on the P.R.C. ground.

"WHITE WINGS."**ROWING AND SAILING ON SATURDAY.****LADIES ON MONDAY.**

The three racing classes of yachts at the R.H.K.Y.C. will compete in their respective championships to-morrow. The course for all is round Stonecutter's Island, a distance of nine miles.

This race will leave the Kowloon Bay part of the harbour free of all yachts and the "Hong" rowing race will be decided. The course for this will be in a line from Channel Rocks to the Club house. Five boats will be racing.

The crews being drawn from the A.P.C., Hongkong Electric Co., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, P.W.D. and from Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co.

On Monday afternoon the ladies will sail their third championship race, their course being to Lyemum Beacon, thence to Cust Rock Buoy and finish at the Club, a distance of just over five and a half miles.

FANLING GOLF.

On Sunday the first and second rounds of the Golf Club championship will be played on the Fanling old course.

The draw is:— H. U. Ireland v. G. S. Archbutt.

N. L. Smith v. A. B. Purves.

J. Bulmer Johnston v. A. H. Ferguson.

L. S. Dodwell v. F. J. de Rome.

T. D. E. Pendered v. W. Douglas.

Capt. Bloxham v. W. Lang.

J. M. Walker v. F. A. Redmond.

R. M. Smith v. T. G. Bennett.

The semi-final will be played on December 13; and the final (36 holes) on December 20.

Starting times to be arranged. Competitors will start in the afternoon in the order in which they finish in the morning.

RUGGER TRIAL.

In the nature of an interport trial, the Hongkong Football Club (rugby team) will play a match with a Royal Navy team on Saturday, kick-off 4 p.m. on the Club ground.

The Club team is:—Armstrong, McMaster, Bowker, Lammer, Rushton, Summers, Ralph, Lee, Foster, Middleton Smith, Millar, Davies, L. Smith, Forsyth, O'Connor.

Mrs. T. E. Pearce v. Mrs. E. B. Reed.

Mrs. Hooper v. Mrs. S. B. C. Ross.

Mrs. B. D. Evans v. Mrs. Murdoch.

Mrs. Ferguson v. Mrs. Dodwell.

Mrs. Murray v. Mrs. Griffin.

Byes: Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Daigety, Mrs. Stoddart, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. Walter Lang.

HOME F.A. CUP.**LONDON TEAM GETS THROUGH.****MORE 1ST ROUND RESULTS.**

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 3.

The following match, postponed from last Saturday, was played to-day in the F.A. Cup (first round proper):—

South Bank 1, Stockton 4. Replays of indecisive matches last Saturday resulted:—

Kettering 0, Worcester City 0. Queen's Park Rangers 2, Northfleet 0.

Of the teams which have won through, pairings for the 2nd round on Saturday week are:— Stockton are at home to Oldham.

Queen's Park Rangers receive Charlton.

LAWN TENNIS.**DAVIS CUP LAWS TO BE REVISED.****MEETING NEXT SUMMER.**

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 17.

A meeting of the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association approved the proposition of the American Association to hold a meeting of representatives of Davis Cup nations in London next summer for the consideration of proposals for the revision of Davis Cup regulations.

LEAGUE SOCCER.**STANDINGS IN THREE DIVISIONS.**

Below will be found the local league football tables posted to date:—

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Kowloon	0	4	0	2	15	5	8
South China	7	3	2	0	18	8	8
Surrey	4	3	1	0	13	4	7
Recreo	0	3	1	2	12	7	7
H.K.F.C.	0	3	1	2	10	4	7
Tamar	0	2	0	4	10	4	4
Avellery	0	1	2	7	0	3	3
Police	7	1	0	6	11	2	2

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Surrey Reserves	7	3	1	2	10	4	7
Kowloon Reserves	0	4	1	1	17	5	8
South China "A"	4	4	0	1	18	8	8
Drummers	0	3	1	4	17	7	7
R.A. Reserves	4	2	0	4	14	6	6
St. Joseph's	7	1	2	4	10	4	4
Recreo "A"	0	1	4	5	10	3	3
H.K.F.C. Reserves	0	1	2	7	10	1	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South China "C"	5	5	0	12	3	10	10
St. J's Reserves	5	4	1	0	11	4	10
University	0	3	0	3	10	8	8
Drummers Reserves	0	3	0	3	10	8	8
St. J's Boarders	5	2	1	2	10	5	5
Moslem "A"	4	2	0	2	14	4	4
Kowloon "B"	3	0	3	3	10	0	0
South China "B"	4	0	0	4	10	0	0
Moslem "B"	5	0	0	5	10	0	0

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Moslem "B"	5	0	0	5	10	0	0

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Moslem "A"	4	2	0	2	14	4	4
Kowloon "B"	3	0	3	3	10	0	0
South China "B"	4	0	0	4	10	0	0
Moslem "B"	5	0	0	5	10	0	0

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South China "B"	4	0	0	4	10	0	0
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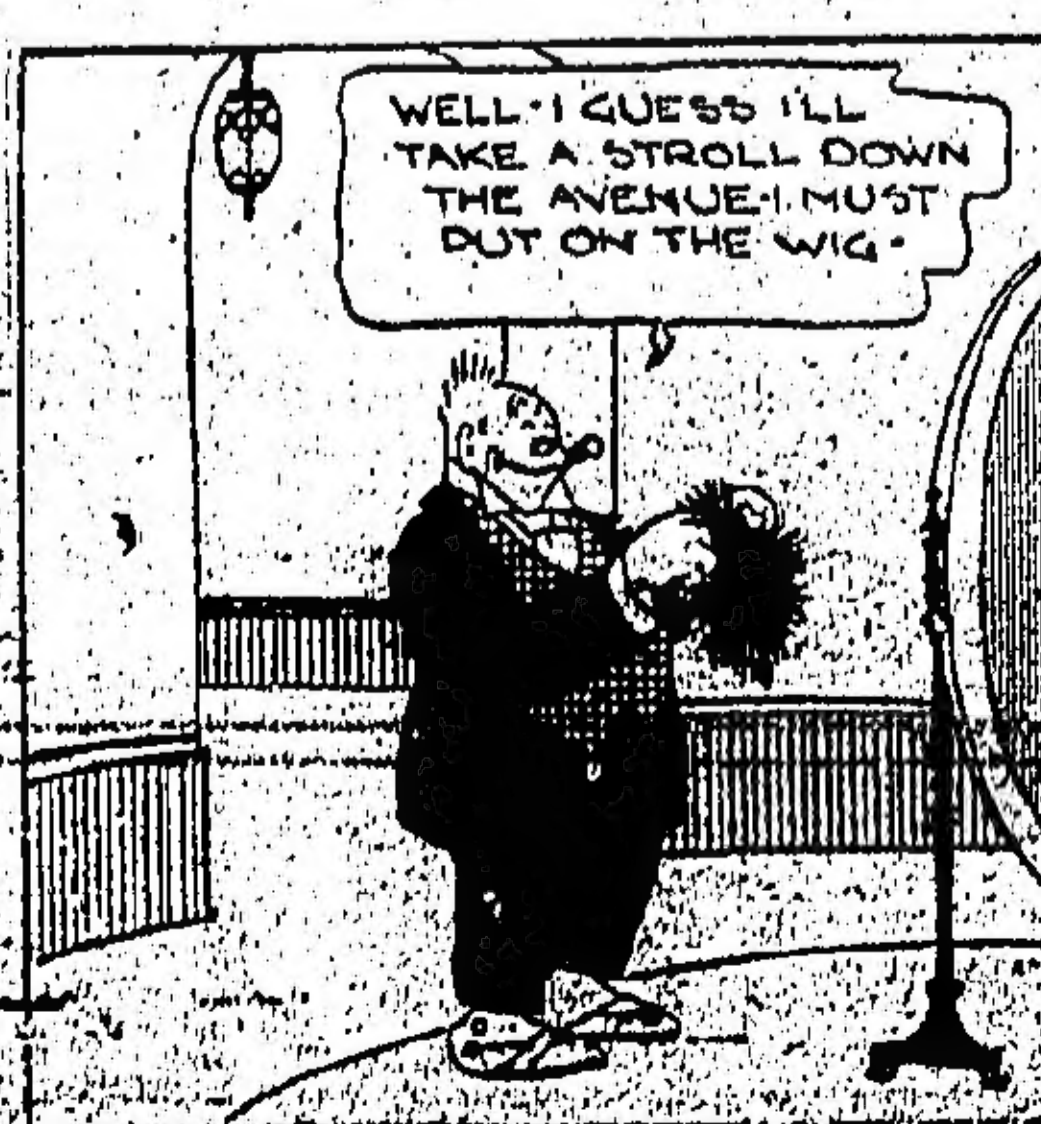
"Prince" Roufat Halioff and wife have parted. She is at the capital while he, according to reports, is making merry in Paris.

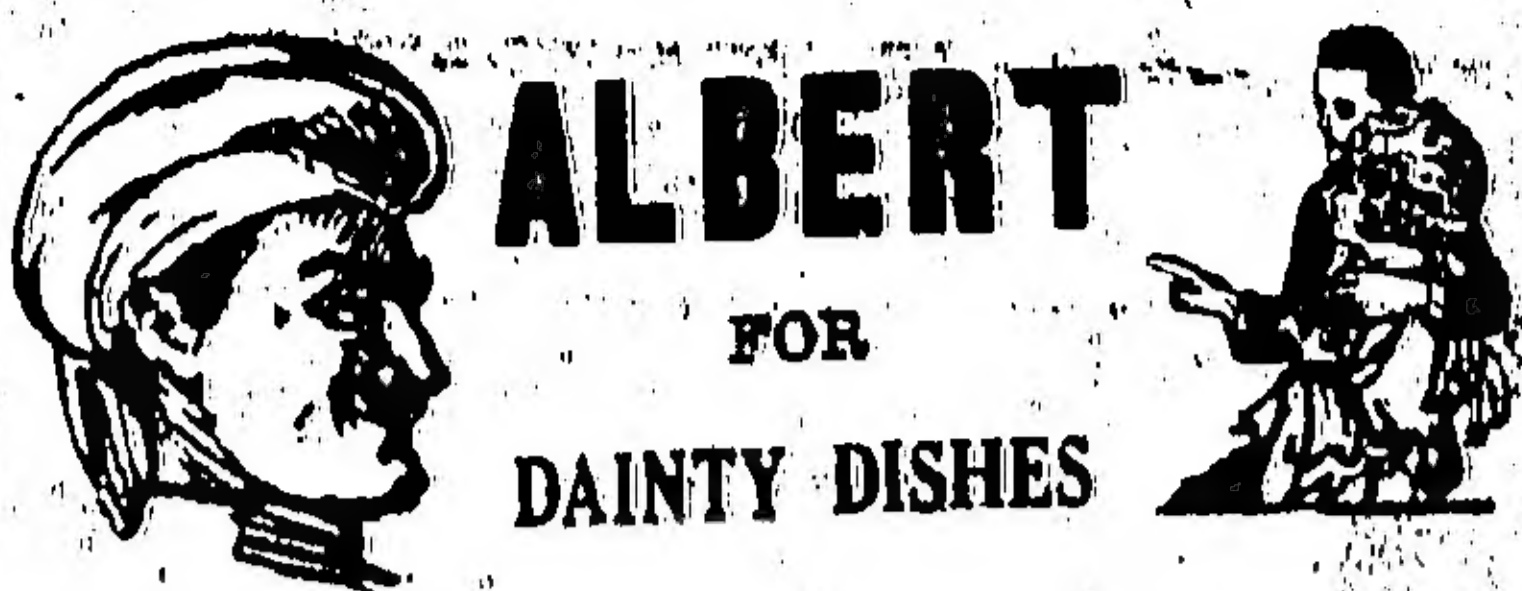
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ODDS AND ENDS

The Violinist's Triumph

Guy was ready. His bow lifted, he took a sure stand and launched himself. Gone was the orchestra from mind, gone Sir William and his baton. They must all follow as they could his vivacious bow. All the way he danced before them, beckoned, laughed. Earth-bound creatures of the day, here was the immortal soul sealing the blue empyrean. "On wings of harmony thrashing the golden light! What voices are these coming after, what heavy clamour of sorrow-laden voices? Come then, follow if you can—allegro, allegro-molto. Again that theme, grave, but rich with comfort, encompassing those heights of ecstasy, those depths of pain. I am with you, the voice of Youth, of Hope; let us journey now together. He had ended. The great orchestra marched to the finale, the baton rose and fell, rose and hung suspended and then swept to disciplined silence. A long pause in which the dim hall seemed to quiver with the emotion of that passing, and then the quick, loud surge of the living filled the air with gathering tumult. Would it cease, would it ever cease? They were calling now, strange words, words indistinguishable from the thunder of that applause.—The Love Rack (Cecil Roberts.)

The First Day of Autumn.

For me, to tell the truth, the first day of autumn involves the prospect of going back to school. The summer holidays, the best because, for no other reason, they are the longest and you can get your teeth into them and forget that all that regimentation exists, are over. The days seem abruptly to shorten when one returns from the sea to London. How puerile is the race of man! The impressions we receive in our fifth and sixth years, so the psycho-analysts assert, govern us for the next sixty or seventy. I do not know how that may be, and in my ignorance I may one day find myself murdering an aunt or two, but I do know that once a year, on the first day of autumn, I am carried back to the age of twelve. I am just back from the pebbles of the beach to London, and in the interval the skies have darkened and the streets have grown greener, so that the lights of the trams shine in them in a manner distinctly autumnal. There is only a brief preparation and placing between me and the hated return to school. This is as vivid as though I really still were that frustrated and unhappy little boy of twelve, but it lasts no more than a moment. Behind it come crowding all the rest of the emo-

tions, all the autumns I have ever known. Could religion as we know it perish from the world, it must reassemble itself about the first day of autumn and the first day of spring—the day of death and the day of re-birth. These are the natural occasions on which man pauses and performs the function which makes him human—he pauses and meditates upon his own destiny. In spring he thinks exuberantly of all he has in "him" to do. In autumn he remembers the great enemy against whom he fights. That remembrance may throw him back for a little while, but it does not corrupt his spirit. The smell of autumn is a clean smell.—Edward Shanks, in T. F. S. and Cassell's Weekly.

Cranford is Knutsford, which stands for old, decorous, elegant England, where maiden ladies ("though some might be poor, we were always aristocrats"), took their rights without agitating for them, and lived primly and happily, usually apart and aloof from the complications of man. They disregarded the male: he was a nuisance, and always in the way. Love to them was rough and almost vulgar love, as Mrs. Ritchie has pointed out, was to the ladies of Cranford a memory rather than a present emotion. Cranford is an old story now, and Mrs. Gaskell has been gone for nearly sixty years to the place where all good Unitarians go, that little flock who, in the past, climbed so many hard hills, and now, as regards this world, have no more hills to climb. She was a genius akin to those painters of Holland, known as the Little Masters, who were content to depict, on small, immortal canvases, the life that was nearest to them, in their homes and in their village. Like them, Mrs. Gaskell described what she loved with quick insight and subtle humour, and who shall tell how much she actually saw, and how much she imagined? For her, a hint, a gesture, a smile, a veiled remark over the teacups, the toss of a curled head, was enough for a chapter. She understood the starved and stifled passion of the lonely woman. I spoke to a score of people in Knutsford, and each knew the many Cranford sherpas. An errand boy directed me to "Miss Matty's Tea Shop," now a chemist's, and the proprietress of the tiny establishment next door, where I bought some tobacco, said that her little place was much more suitable to have been "Miss Matty's Tea Shop.—From Life and You, by C. Lewis Hind (The Bodley Head).

The Old Song.

All the impressive stateliness of ancient odes and epics that her beloved father had taught, her were forgotten in this moment. For her the most important thing in this world had been that scrap of song that a laughing young mother had sung, a queer enough thing to come tumbling out of the past—an intangible dowry, really, but infinitely precious to the girl, who murmured:—"It's like magic, isn't it? Remembering that made me want to write to her—remembering that gave me you." When he kissed her his old thought: about this imperfect world was forgotten. Exultant and boyish, he told her something: "All Life is a gigantic puzzle, isn't it? Such queer bits of things hold it together—things you can't see—things that you've almost lost—perfectly ludicrous things like smells—and sounds—All around them autumn shivered in the golden late afternoon haze. They built a tiny camp fire of some wild cherry wood, and cooked what Deming called their engagement supper.—From Nora Pays, by Lucile Van Slyke.

Housekeeping in Italy.

Our flat was large and airy and very bare to English eyes. On the floors stone mosaic, only relieved by small bedside mats. Gaunt high ceilings and windows without any curtains but with green shutters—a very necessary precaution when the sun shows what he can really do. After the first chill which we felt through the entire absence of any amenities, such as ornaments, cushions, pictures, and curtains, had subsided, we realised how much of our daily British life is taken up by the pleasant necessities with which we like to surround ourselves in our own homes; but then our climate makes our home life a much more shut-in affair, and our ornaments and pictures become our friends within their four walls. In Italy, where the sun calls its inhabitants into the open, a balcony is more suitable than a cosy corner, and walls which are the playground of many flies during the warm weather are better left bare. Not that the sun is always so warming, there are days when a cosy corner and a crackling fire would be welcomed with enthusiasm; Italians look upon such days as a dire misfortune rather than something for which to prepare a soft seat and a comfortable cushion. On a rainy day the whole of the country becomes wrapt in gloom, and getting wet is the most unbearable of all discomforts to an Italian.—Elsa Courlander in the "Woman's Magazine."

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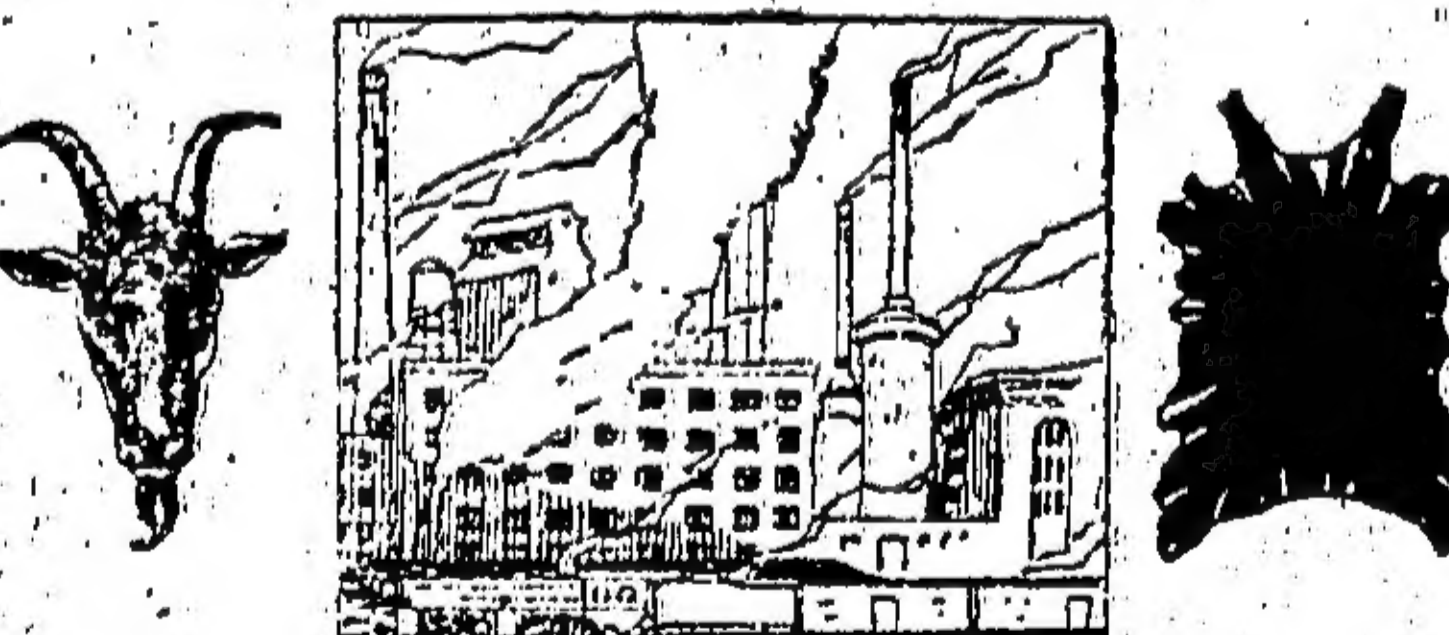
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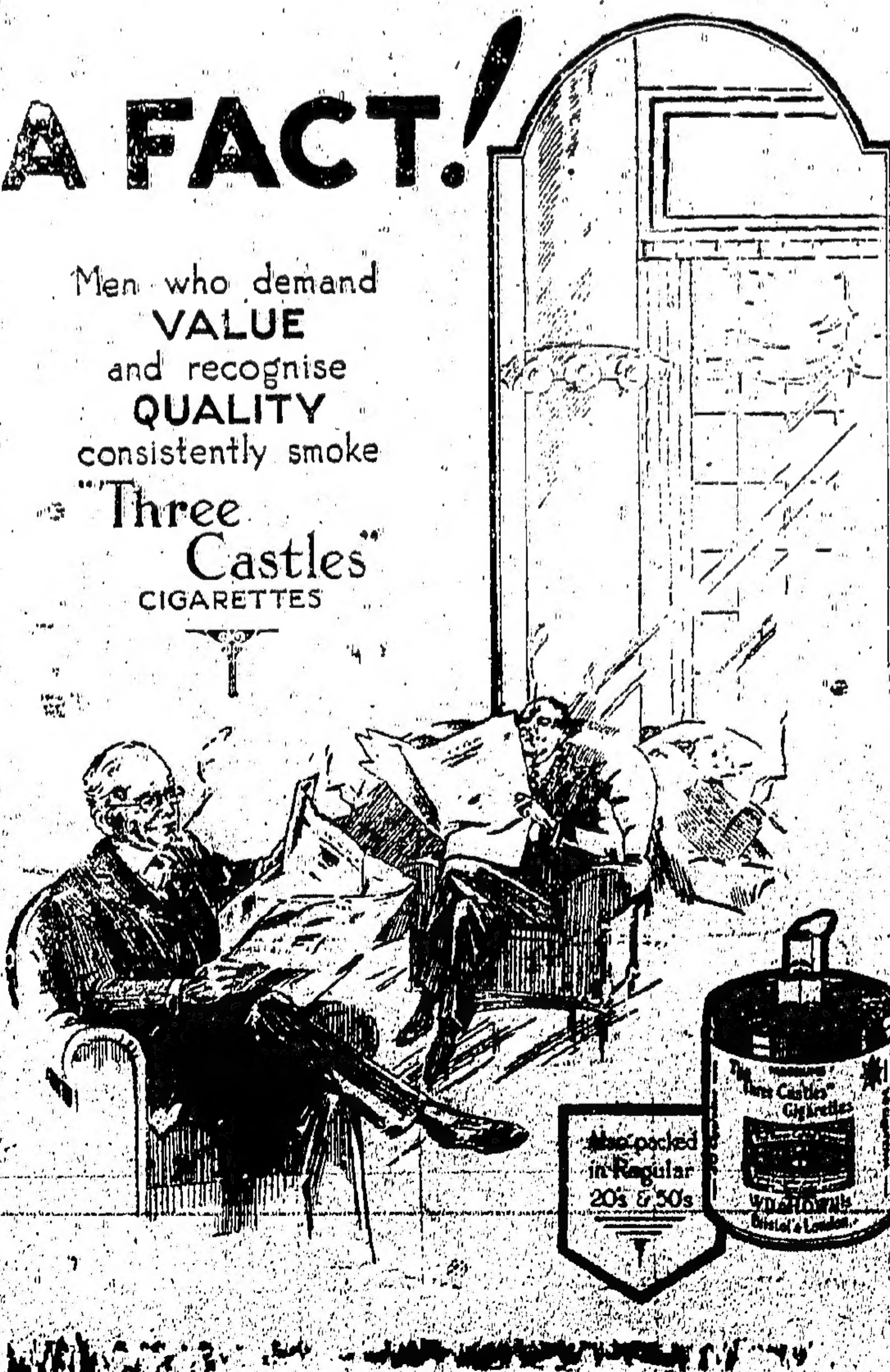
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